

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re of Application of: POWERS, et al.  
Serial No.: To be assigned      Group No.: To be assigned  
Filed: August 29, 2001      Examiner: To be assigned  
For: STRUCTURE OF A FREE REGULATOR OF G-PROTEIN  
SIGNALING (RGS4) AND METHODS OF IDENTIFYING  
AGONISTS AND ANTAGONISTS USING SAME  
Confirmation No.: To be assigned  
Customer Number: 25291

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the attached continuation application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert before the first line the sentence:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/569,836, filed May 11, 2000.--

On page 13, in line 21, after "RGS4", please insert:

--in relation to the primary structure (SEQ ID NO 1)--.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING 37 CFR §1.10**

I hereby certify that this paper and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date written below in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label Number EL564795917US addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

8/29/01  
Date

*Julia D. Richie*  
Julia D. Richie

  
M. Andrea Ryan

Reg. No. 28,469

American Home Products Corporation  
Patent Law Department  
Five Giralda Farms  
Madison, NJ 07940-0874  
Tel. No. (610) 902-2646

TEL (610) 902-2646